

SHANNON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Talent Quest Term 2 2018



Congratulations to Georgia and Ariana who have been selected by Project Cyn (Celebrating Youth in 'Nua) for their vocal performance in the talent quest. They will be performing in Levin on the 24th of June. We will advertise more details on our Facebook page closer to the time.



In Te Rito Hub, we have been continuing to follow our interests and passions through Play Based Learning. We have been introducing our learners to 'coding' using digital devices. Coding helps children develop academic skills, build qualities like perseverance and organization, and gain valuable 21st century skills.



We have been making a start on our Matariki Inquiry. We worked in teams, discussing what we already know, (our prior knowledge and experience) and what we want to know and find out about Matariki, building upon this prior knowledge. We can't wait to share the discoveries we make during our inquiry.

If you haven't done so already, please download the 'Seesaw for Parents' app. to keep up to date with your child's learning. Please see Adam if you need any help with this.



A Note from Our Principal



School Gates

At last I believe we have reached a final solution for our gate entrances to the school. Please let us know if there are any issues with access to the school.

Digital Learning and Communication

Our last newsletter was our first digital version. If you are viewing this in a paper form and are still unable to access this newsletter digitally please contact the school office. Please provide us with your email address if we do not already have it.

We are presently trialling an APP to send messages and reminders out to the school community. This APP can be downloaded off the Home page on our school's website.

Community of Learning - Kāhui Ako

Congratulations to Sarah Sheehan for winning a position as an Across School Teacher in our Horowhenua Kāhui Ako. Sarah's expertise in teaching in an Innovative School, her sports qualifications and her knowledge of digital learning will enable her skills to be shared across all of our Horowhenua schools.

National Standards

There is no longer a requirement for schools to report on National Standards. This means that we have returned to the curriculum levels and will discuss progress and attainment against expected levels for children's appropriate ages. The curriculum levels have wider achievement bands that recognise that children learn at individual and different rates. There is no longer an *unrealistic* expectation that every child will reach a certain *aspirational* standard after only one year at school. We know that many of our children are not ready for formal teaching and learning but catch up quickly as they reach an age of about seven. We will not have to provide National Standard achievement for our diverse students who often continue to work and progress at curriculum level one and were continually deemed as failing the level one National Standard achievement.



On Thursday 14th June we had a group of learners perform a few songs at the Shannon Progressive Association AGM. Thank you so much for inviting us and thank you to Whaea Jo for taking us.

Please see Mr McCallum or Mrs Sheehan if you are not yet signed up to your child's Seesaw account. Your child and the teachers update their Seesaw regularly with their learning.



We have been learning about Matariki in the Harakeke Hub recently. Whaea Puiwahine has been working alongside us to make and use puppets to tell a story. We have written a story about the stars of Matariki and we will be performing this story with the puppets we have made.

Matariki

New Beginnings



Join us for our Matariki Celebrations

When: July 5th, 2018

Where: Shannon School

What's Happening:

- Blessing of our school gardens at 4.30pm
- Hangi at 6.00pm
- Evening of entertainment
- Raffles \$1 or \$2

Hangi at \$5 each - Selling 200 tickets
First in first served
Tickets from the school office



Notices

HANGI TICKETS
THURSDAY 5TH JULY
\$5.00
FROM THE SCHOOL
OFFICE

Dear Parents/Carers

We only have three weeks left of term 2 and we are looking forward to celebrating on Thursday 5th July. This is a joint celebration of Matariki and the end of another busy term.

If you are wanting to purchase Hangi tickets, you should do this as soon as possible as posters will go up downtown and on facebook next week. We don't want our school families to miss out. They are \$5 per ticket and available from the school office. Please understand we can not hold tickets.

There will be more detailed information sent out regarding the programme for the evening closer to the day.

A reminder that all children and adults should be using the crossing. We have seen a number of children taking shortcuts outside the school. Please remind your children and be good role models.

We also wish to remind parents to watch out for our tamariki on the crossing in the mornings and be patient while they cross.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SKI TRIP - YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS** - There is a parent meeting on Wednesday 20th June in the school staffroom at 5.00pm. We would like all of them to participate in the trip, so please attend to discuss how we can make this happen for our tamariki.
- **KEREKERE INTERSCHOOL SOCCER** - Wednesday 20th June.
- **HOROWHENUA COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT** - Wednesday 27th June at 7.00pm. (Waiopahu College is week 1, term 3).
- **KEREKERE TALENT QUEST** - Thursday 28th June at 6.00pm. More information will go out to the children involved next week.
- **END OF TERM.** The last day of this term is Friday 6th July, finishing at 1.00pm.

